विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) जी, हां। ऐसे आठ विद्युत बोर्ड हैं जो ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम की और अपनी देयताओं का परिसमापन कर पाए हैं।

(ख) राज्य बिजली बोर्ड अपनी नाजुक वित्तीय स्थिति तथा राज्य सरकार द्वारा ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण आर्थिक सहायता का भुगतान न किए जाने के कारण ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम की बकाया राशियों का भुगतान कर पाने में असमर्थ है।

Problems arising due to defective meters

2128. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problem arising out of defective meters causing serious losses to State Electricity Boards and general consumers;

(b) if so, details regarding magnitude and seriousness of the problem arising on this account-state-wise;

(c) the details of steps taken to overcome the problem in the light of the decision of the Supreme Court; and

(d) the agenda of action as worked out by the State Electricity Boards for 1997-98, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Financing of power projects

2129. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed limit of 40% for Indian Public, financial Institutes in Power Sector based on indigenous equipments;

(b) whether representations from various State Governments have been received for relaxation of the limit and to exclude funding from Indian Commercial Banks while calculating aggregate exposures of IPFI within permissible limit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the decision and action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (e) The private power policy inter alia stipulates that an amount not exceeding 40% of the total outlay may come from Indian public financial institutions, but the remaining amount should be met from other sources. The Government of Gujarat had requested that Independent Power Producers (IPPs) sourcing equipment from indigenous suppliers should be exempted from this limit. This request is under consideration.

Pipavav Power Project

2130. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pipavav Power Project was given gas allocation from Tapti gas field;